

RUM LID FASTENED ON NEW YEAR GAYETY

Court Enjoins Shanley's
After Dry Agents Get
Terms for a Party.

\$3,000 IN BOOZE SEIZED

Day Warns Theater Region
to Obey Law—Copeland
Decries Poison Drams.

ATLANTIC CITY LID DOWN

Hooch Saves Life of Man Taken
From East River—Forty
Treated at Bellevue.

Ralph A. Day, State Prohibition Director, this morning will assemble his entire staff of New York agents and issue them final instructions for strict enforcement of the law to-night and to-morrow. New Year's eve, the director declared, will be just as dry as it is humanly possible to make it with the staff at his disposal. He has 155 men of the local group, and in addition to these there are in the city a handful of E. C. Yellowley's general agents who will assist in the work.

Broadway and Fifth avenue, Mr. Day said, will get the same careful watching as Third avenue or Fourteenth street. Some agents have already reserved tables in restaurants that are expected to be crowded. All the large hotels will be under observation.

On the heels of Director Day's warning to the theater district that it must conform to the demands of the Volstead act as closely as any other section of the city, and on New Year's eve as well as at any other time, came the granting of a preliminary injunction against Shanley's in West Forty-second street, by Judge Augustus N. Hand in the Federal District Court yesterday. The injunction was obtained at the request of Mr. Day by Victor House and Sanford H. Cohen, Assistant United States Attorneys, after affidavits had been sworn to by General Agents Estes and Grill.

The preliminary injunction was granted in a suit by the Government to have Shanley's declared a public and common nuisance, to be taken over by the United States Marshal and closed. It will be some months, however, before that part of the suit calling for this final action will be heard.

Restraints Liqueur Disposal.

What has been procured at present is an order restraining the defendants from the sale, removal or disposal of liquor on their premises pending the hearing on the motion to make the injunction permanent. Should the preliminary injunction be violated the defendants or any of their employees would be liable to citation for contempt of court and would be subject to a year's imprisonment or \$1,000 fine.

The defendants named in the action are Patrick and Andrew Shanley, the proprietors of the restaurant; James P. Rowley, general manager; Hugh McLaughlin, assistant general manager, and Andrew McMurray, a waiter. Estes and Grill testified that on December 4 they went to Shanley's and sounded McLaughlin in connection with the reservation of a table for New Year's Eve. They wanted to know if provision could be made for a regular party. They were assured by McLaughlin, they said, that they could have a private dining room, and as much liquor as they were willing to pay for, with their choice of champagne, whiskey, gin and real beer from a full cellar. At the time they bought two one pint flasks of whiskey for \$14.

They went back to the restaurant the following day with a search warrant, and in the cellar, they said, found \$3,000 worth of all the things that McLaughlin told them he had there. This is now in a Government warehouse.

Judge Hand set next Friday as return day for the motion to make the injunction permanent. William P. Lord, in charge of the Brooklyn enforcement office, said there are only four or five cabarets in Brooklyn which may require attention to-night. He has a staff of eighteen men. In Atlantic City orders were issued that the lid must be tightly clamped down. William S. Cuthbert, Public Safety Director, warned proprietors of shore cafes and cabarets not to allow their patrons to greet the new year with anything stronger than milk, coffee, tea, ice water, pop or near beer. Patrons will not be permitted to "bring their own." An executive session of city officials was held, at which a program of strict enforcement was decided upon. Chief of Police Miller was present, and was told he would be held responsible for any violation.

Danger in Holiday Hooch.

Warnings were issued yesterday against the strange and poisonous mixtures which are being sold as "hooch" to holiday drinkers throughout the city. "My advice," Health Commissioner Dr. Royal S. Copeland said, "is, first, don't drink at all; second, don't drink anything unless it has been analyzed and is free from poisonous ingredients. "Before there are more deaths," said Commissioner of Public Welfare Bird S. Coler, "I would like to warn every body to know what they are drinking. There have been seven deaths from wood alcohol reported already this week, and that, probably, is only one-third or one-fourth of the actual number."

Despite repeated warnings, however, hospital records show that citizens continue to risk their lives in order to uphold the traditional holiday spirit of previous years. At Bellevue Hospital 40 persons have been treated for drinking poisonous liquor since Christmas eve. On Christmas Day, 16; Monday, 7; Tuesday, 6; Wednesday, 2, and Thursday, 7.

Yesterday a man tried to jump into the East River in a period of temporary insanity induced by imbibing bootleg liquor. He was fished out and sent to the alcoholic ward. The hooch, however, saved him from being frozen to death. Another man was arraigned in a Brooklyn police court for breaking into a house on Saratoga avenue and trying to get into bed with the owner while under the peculiar spell produced by what he had drunk.

Driven insane by bootleg liquor, Louis Kovack, 41, prosperous meat and grocer, dealer, 178 Second street, Passaic, was sent to County Jail for observation yesterday. It is feared alcoholic poison will kill him.

FLEE HOME FIRED BY STILL, LEAVING CHILDREN IN COLD

Brooklyn Parents 'Beat It' in Motor Car From One of
Biggest Home Distilleries the Police Ever
Have Run Across.

Firemen who answered an alarm last night at the home of Harry Sklarew in 2148 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, between Avenue U and Avenue Z, found Helene Sklarew, 6, and Herbert Sklarew, 3, standing in the front yard, shivering with cold because they were neither coat nor hat.

"What happened?" one of the firemen asked the little girl. "How did the fire start?"

"Papa was making something in his machine," Helene said, "and something happened and everything caught fire and then papa said, 'We're done for,' and mamma said, 'You said a mouthful, better beat it,' and then mamma pushed Herbie and me out into the yard."

"Where did your papa and mamma go?" she was asked.

"They went away in an automobile."

\$1,000,000 WHISKY FRAUD IS DEFEATED

Warehouse Proprietors Turn
In Doubtful Permits for
Withdrawals.

Fraudulent release of \$1,000,000 worth of liquor was prevented yesterday by proprietors of warehouses in the city. They had read of the revelation on Thursday of a vast plot to forge permits and they resigned prohibition headquarters with permits the authenticity of which they doubted.

In all, 18 counterfeit permits were detected in the office of Ralph A. Day, State prohibition director. The eighteen permits called for the release of 10,200 cases of rye whiskey. All were dated the same day, December 27, and were drawn on New York warehouses. In six instances the purchasers, all of whom used fictitious names, gave Philadelphia addresses. The remainder originated in New York.

Hugh McQuillan, chief of the special intelligence unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who is investigating the conspiracies, said yesterday he believed their scope was nationwide, and that the real extent of the efforts to get liquor through counterfeit and forged permits could not be even guessed at until something was learned of the extent to which the frauds were being practiced in other States.

Mr. McQuillan is of the opinion the bootleggers who make use of the counterfeit permit scheme do not operate through a central printing establishment, but that in addition to a big plant located probably in this city, there are scores of others through the country.

It was stated also by Mr. McQuillan that without doubt numerous warehouses in various parts of the country actually were owned by bootleggers.

As to the theory advanced by Director Day and Col. Catrow, his assistant, that these conspiracies by use of counterfeit papers were being carried on in such a manner that no documents whatever reach the director's office, because the bootleggers had gone so far as to arrange for the interception of registered mail, Mr. McQuillan said such a scheme was both possible and likely.

The first inkling the authorities had that counterfeit papers were being used for the illegal withdrawal of whisky came last month when General Agent Harold Dobbs arrested two women charged with selling to Dobbs and another agent a set of counterfeit withdrawal papers for \$3,000. These papers were poor in quality and it was thought at the time the scheme was restricted largely to a form of bunco game in which the victim was led to suppose he could obtain liquor by this means, although the papers were really not good enough to get by.

The agents at the same time, in connection with the same case, seized a letter of confirmation purporting to come from the director's office, on which was forged the initials of E. C. Yellowley, then in charge of New York headquarters.

What has occurred since is a rapid growth toward perfection in the manufacture of counterfeit papers, and authorities are at a loss to place any estimate on the amount of liquor that may have been released through their use. Hundreds of forgeries, Mr. McQuillan said, have come into his hands during recent months, in addition to the counterfeits which have just come under observation.

Another scheme by which bootleggers are securing alcohol and liquor illegally was described by Director Day yesterday, which, although not so extensive as the other, is one in which many of the biggest and most reputable distilleries and warehouses are the victims.

In many cases cartons of liquor or alcohol are shipped from Canada to the Bahamas or Bermuda via New York. These shipments are stored at times for many weeks in New York warehouses. Bootleggers working in collusion with employees of these warehouses move the goods in barrels from the warehouses and replace them with barrels filled with water.

SKIPPER OF ALCOHOL STEAMSHIP INDICTED

A Federal Grand Jury yesterday indicted Capt. Daniel Dougherty of the tramp steamship Javary, which put into Pier 32, East River, two weeks ago, with a cargo of 250 drums of 190 proof alcohol. The Government alleged the drums were entered on the log as containing glycerine. It was estimated the alcohol reduced four times from its high proof, would furnish material for 50,000 gallons of bootleg whiskey.

What is said to be the first decision in the East as to whether the Government has a right to tax violators of the Volstead act was filed in Brooklyn. Judge Garvin sustained a demurrer entered for Joseph Connelly, who kept a licensed liquor store and who, the Internal Revenue Bureau charged had failed to pay such a tax, amounting to \$512.50. Judge Garvin dismissed the complaint and judgment was entered for Connelly. The court held the tax was in reality a penalty, and that the violator, who had pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, was placed under double jeopardy.

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BEAUVAIS IN QUEBEC; MRS. STILLMAN TOO

'Coincidence,' Says Guide, 'I'm
Returning to Montreal
at Once.'

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—(Fred Beauvais, correspondent in the James A. Stillman divorce suit, appeared here this afternoon, exactly an hour and a half after Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman had arrived on her way to the North Woods to round up witnesses for the hearings in Montreal on January 11. Mrs. Stillman had hardly entered her rooms in the Chateau Frontenac when Beauvais walked into the hotel loaded down with baggage.

The witnesses in the North Woods that Mrs. Stillman has come to Canada to interview were located during the summer by Beauvais. The former guide said his presence was a coincidence, that he was en route to Latuque to spend New Year's with his father, and had intended merely to stop over night at the chateau. He said that when he discovered Mrs. Stillman also was at the hotel he had immediately booked passage back to Montreal, and he left on a train a few minutes before midnight.

Beauvais became greatly excited when recognized and shouted "This must not be printed. It is purely a coincidence. It will hurt me."

Gonzague Desaulniers, a lawyer of Montreal, who has been retained as special counsel for Mrs. Stillman at the hearings there, corroborated Beauvais in the assertion it was but a coincidence, adding that J. E. Tremblay, vice-president of an insurance company in Montreal, had reserved the rooms in advance for a party of four. The hotel clerk admitted that a reservation had been made for Mr. Tremblay, who appeared just before Beauvais left to catch his train.

"You reporters are sore on me," Beauvais said.

"How do you know that?" he was asked.

"Bud told me this afternoon, right in

this room," the guide replied. He referred to James A. "Bud" Stillman, Jr., eldest son of the banker, who is accompanying his mother on the trip into the North.

Beauvais at the time was standing in room No. 11, which, according to the hotel register, had been allotted to Mr. Desaulniers.

"Did you see Mrs. Stillman?" he was asked.

"No," he replied. "When I heard she was here I booked passage back to Montreal immediately."

When Beauvais left he was accompanied by the Montreal lawyer. Earlier in the evening Mrs. Stillman had announced that Mr. Desaulniers would accompany her on the trip north. It was her original plan to start north to-morrow morning, but the discovery that subpoenas which she proposes serving personally on the witnesses could not be served during the holidays has led her to defer the trip until Monday at the earliest.

Mrs. Stillman, through Philip J. O'Brien, a lawyer, answered questions relative to the appearance of Beauvais at the hotel. They were in substance as follows:

Mr. O'Brien said that Beauvais neither saw nor communicated with Mrs. Stillman while he was in town. During the time the guide was around, he said, Mrs. Stillman and Bud and he were engaged in preparing certain angles of the case. Mr. O'Brien explained his first knowledge of Beauvais's presence came from M. Desaulniers, Canadian attorney for Mrs. Stillman. He added that the banker's wife did not expect Beauvais would be in Quebec and that she was surprised to learn he had been seen. A suggestion that Mrs. Stillman might have arranged to have Beauvais accompany the party on the trip north was flatly denied by the attorney. To the statement that Beauvais declared Bud Stillman came down to see him this afternoon, Mr. O'Brien said Bud would have to explain his own moves, and then he added that young Stillman was present in the hotel when Mrs. Stillman was notified of Beauvais's arrival.

He was asked if Mr. Desaulniers still was connected with the defense. To this Mrs. Stillman replied personally: "Yes, unless he drops dead between here and Montreal."

As to Beauvais's assertion that Bud had come down to see him, the banker's son said he "preferred not to answer."

ILLINOIS MANSIONS FOR MRS. M'CORMICK

Retains Chicago Home and
Buys Lake Forest.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick is expected by her friends to remain in Chicago and resume the social leadership which she held before her departure for Europe eight years ago. This much of the future plans of the McCormicks was revealed to-day through an official announcement by Charles S. Cutting, attorney for Mrs. McCormick. The announcement had to do with the ownership of the two McCormick homes here.

Mrs. McCormick retains possession of the mansion in Lake Shore drive, while the Lake Forest estate goes to Harold F. McCormick, whom she divorced Wednesday. Mrs. McCormick will buy it from him at an agreed price, thus becoming the owner of both properties. Friends of both are wondering whether Mrs. McCormick, rather than her former husband, will become the controlling power in the affairs of the Chicago Opera Company.

BANK OF MONTREAL MEETING.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—A special meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal will be held February 13 for the purpose of approving the agreement to purchase the rights and assets of the Merchants Bank of Canada. Action also will be taken on a proposal to increase the capital stock of the Bank of Montreal by the number of shares (not exceeding \$0,000) which may be payable to the Merchants Bank.

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